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Comprehensive Energy Legislation Must Facilitate Natural Gas Infrastructure, LNG Exports and Increased Transparency in Compliance, Says NGSA

(Washington, DC) In a letter to House and Senate energy committee leadership, the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) today called on Congress to include three key natural gas policies in comprehensive energy legislation considered by either chamber.

Dena E. Wiggins, president and CEO of NGSA said, "In order to maximize the economic and environmental benefits of our abundant natural gas, there are three policies that are essential to any comprehensive energy bill: facilitating natural gas infrastructure, LNG exports and straightforward market rules that foster compliance."

Wiggins said, "Consumers cannot realize the economic and environmental benefits that the U.S. abundance of natural gas can provide if infrastructure is not developed to connect supply with demand."

She continued, "U.S. LNG exports extend the economic benefits that stem from robust U.S. natural gas production to the rest of the world, fueling the world economy that will in turn help continue U.S. economic growth."

Finally, Wiggins called for rules that facilitate market participant compliance and increased transparency in the compliance process. "A healthy natural gas market requires long-term regulatory certainty," she said. "Equally important as the rules themselves, market participants must have a clear understanding of the rules governing natural gas market participation." The creation of an office of compliance assistance at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is one approach to helping participants with the compliance process, according to NGSA.

Both letters are available on www.ngsa.org: Click here to read NGSA's letter to the Senate Energy Committee and NGSA's letter to House Energy and Commerce.

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The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Established in 1965, NGSA encourages the use of natural gas within a balanced national energy policy, and promotes the benefits of competitive markets, thus encouraging increased supply and the reliable and efficient delivery of natural gas to U.S. customers. For more information, please visit www.ngsa.org and www.naturalgas.org.